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ARRIVALS DROP OFF A BIT

FISH PIER HAD ONLY NINE
WITH FRESH FISH FARES
THIS MORNING.

Receipts fell off considerable at the Fish Pier this morning, for in contrast with the number of sail tied up during the past few days, only nine vessels reported with fish. Sch. Magellan held her fish over from yesterday.

Haddock went up some, today's price being quoted at \$3.50 to \$6, and large cod at \$4. The price of flat fish remained about the same as yesterday.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Str. Holy Cross, 65,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.

Str. Plover, 110,000 haddock, 8500 cod, 15,000 mixed fish.

Str. Gale, 102,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 20,000 mixed fish.

Sch. Old Glory, 35,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Boat Gertrude M. Fauci, 40,000 haddock, 11,500 cod.

Sch. Magellan, 23,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 8000 mixed fish.

Sch. Cape Ann, 33,000 haddock, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Isabel Parker, 45,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 2500 hake, 7000 cusk, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Natale, II., 4200 haddock, 300 cod, 1800 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$3.50; hake, \$3; pollock, \$3; cusk, \$2.50; gray sole, 5 cents per pound; lemon sole, 10 cents; black backs, 6 cents; yellow tails, 3 cents; dabs, 11-2 cents; tongues and cheeks, 8 cents; catfish, 1 cent.

N. S. Fish Notes.

Nova Scotia fishermen are reaping a harvest on the offshore banks aided by a short period of fine weather and a slightly better sign of fish. Five vessels including one beam trawler, returned to Halifax Tuesday after trips ranging from five to nine days, and landed a total of 360,000 pounds of mixed fish the highest landings since December. Reports from Lunenburg state that a splendid trip of 90,000 pounds was landed there by Captain Angus Tanner.

ALBATROSS II STARTS

ON RESEARCH TOUR

On the first of a series of monthly cruises scheduled for this season, the research ship Albatross II of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, will leave the navy yard this afternoon for Southern waters. Three scientists of the bureau attached to the laboratory at Harvard, will go along to conduct experiments. They are Robert A. Nesbit, biologist; Henry M. Barse, junior aquatic biologist, and Frank E. Firth, scientific assistant.

Much of the time will be devoted to a study of temperatures, drifts, collection of minute animal life, and the tagging of several species of fish found in waters off the middle Atlantic States.

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THIRTEEN FARES REPORTED TODAY

DRAGGER LERETHA HEADS LIST
WITH HAIL OF 15,000
POUNDS.

Thirteen arrivals with fresh fish were reported in this morning. Four of them were taken out at the Producers' Company, three at the Commercial Fish Company, two each at Murray & Tarr's and the Cape Ann Cold Storage, and at Powers & McDonald's. The fares ran from a 15,000 pound trip landed by the Leretha down to 1000 pounds in a small trawler. All told, the total catch was 57,000 pounds. Ten of the gillnetters brought 17,000 pounds yesterday afternoon. Two salt fish fares from Maine ports, arrived yesterday afternoon.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Boat Leretha, dragging, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Bethulia, dragging, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. St. Rosalie, dragging, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Roma II., dragging, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Clarence B. Mitchell, dragging, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Maria Concetta, trawling, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Marianna, trawling, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat D229, trawling, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Fannie Powell, dragging, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat C.1139, trawling, 1700 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Pauline S., trawling, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Minerva, shore, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Grace A., trawling, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mattie, Maine ports, 1500 qtls. salt fish.

Sch. William Keene, Maine ports, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Cape Ann, via Boston.

Boat Old Glory, via Boston.

Sailed.

Sch. Mystic, dragging.

Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.

Sch. Cape Ann, shore.

Boat Old Glory, dragging.

Sch. Irene and Helen, dragging.

Sch. Azores, handlining.

Boat Bettina, dragging.

Sch. Ruth and Margaret, dragging.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Boat Agnes and Myrnie, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Inca, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Mary A., 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Serafina II., 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Mary J. Landry, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Nashawena, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Eliza C. Riggs, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Liboria C., 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Alicia, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Edna Fae, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Virginia and Joan, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.

FOURTEEN AT BOSTON TODAY

RECEIPTS TOTAL NEARLY 650,000
POUNDS—MARKET IS
LOWER.

Dealers on the Boston fish pier were pretty well supplied this morning. Fourteen vessels, including five steamers, brought in 536,000 pounds of groundfish, 45,000 pounds of flounders and 65,000 pounds of mixed fish. Prices fell off from yesterday. Haddock brought \$3.50 to \$4; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3; markets, \$3.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Str. Dartmouth, 95,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 6500 mixed fish.

Str. Winthrop, 65,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 8300 mixed fish.

Str. Notre Dame, 92,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.

Str. Sea Hawk, 95,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.

Str. Lois M. Winslow, 70,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 mixed fish.

Sch. Stranger, 7000 mixed fish.

Sch. Marie and Winnifred, 28,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 7000 mixed fish.

Sch. Marjorie Parker, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 cusk, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Alpar, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 1500 cusk, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Emma Marie, 12,000 flounders.

Sch. Mary D'Eon, 22,000 flounders.

Boat William S., 11,000 flounders.

Boat St. Joseph, 1100 mixed fish.

Boat Josephine, 1900 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2; hake, \$3 to \$3.75; pollock, \$2 to \$3.50; cusk, \$2.50 to \$3; gray sole, 6 cents to 6 1-2 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 9 cents; black backs, 6 cents; yellow tails, 2 cents to 3 cents; dabs, 1 cent; spawn, 8 cents; tongues and cheeks, 8 cents; sharks, 6 cents; catfish, 1 cent to 1 1-2 cent.

Favors Seamen's Bill.

The Senate commerce committee yesterday approved the LaFollette bill to permit seamen on foreign as well as American flag vessels to sue in United States courts to collect wages.

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TWO FISH CARGOES HERE FROM MAINE

Two cargoes of salt fish from Maine ports arrived yesterday afternoon, one, the *Mattie*, for P. J. O'Brien, and the other, William Keene, for Gorton-Pew. Both craft have been on the way from Maine since December, and have been weather-bound at various ports along the Maine and New Hampshire coast line since then. Three weeks ago the pair left Portland for Gloucester, but have been held in some port between Gloucester and Portland since then. Each craft has a 1500 quintals of salt fish.

N. S. Dried Fish Markets.

The local market just at present is chiefly interested in what is happening at Porto Rico. According to report, supplies down there of inferior fish from Newfoundland have stopped, and this fact, aided by short shipments from here, have had the effect of strengthening prices a bit, though they are not yet at a level which shows a profit to our exporters. It is hoped that from now on by limiting the weekly exports to a quantity which Porto Rico can without difficulty absorb, we shall see a slightly higher price ruling for the balance of the season. It should, perhaps, be added that this is only likely to be the case if great care is taken to avoid overloading the market.

In our last issue we referred to the fact that North Brazil has been placing some heavy orders for dried fish in Newfoundland. The latest is that she has completed all the purchases she needed to make for February business, and is not willing to meet Newfoundland's request for an advance of a shilling, on casks of 128 lbs. for March-April shipment.

The world is still apparently very much overstocked with dried fish and it looks very much as though Iceland and some other countries would make tremendous losses this year, for any of last season's dried fish they have on hand after mid-summer, will be almost sure to be unfit for human food and will therefore have to be destroyed. A wheat grower or a coffee planter can carry stock forward for a year or two, in the hope that the market will improve, but not so the holder of dried fish. His chance ends with the ending of the season and the starting of another. A situation such as exists today is very likely to make for reduced production of dried fish this year, and particularly in those countries which are taking heavy losses on holdings at the present time. We are expecting a decreased effort on the part of the Lunenburg fleet this season, but it is yet too early to say how much. No news has yet reached us as to what number of vessels will go out on the early spring trip or on subsequent trips, but there is no doubt it will be smaller than it was last year.

We are now approaching a period which promises a revelation of losses to the dried fish trade more severe than any we have witnessed in our time. Canada, because she is a very small factor in the trade, will not be a great sufferer, but think of the loss that Iceland and others will have to take. Well, there is only this ray of comfort for us to take from it and this is that world production for the present season may be cut down so much that we shall see a better price for new fish next fall than we have witnessed for some time.—Maritime Merchant.

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N. S. Lobsters.

Judging from items appearing in the local press, considerable interest is beginning to be shown by fishermen and others in different sections as to the conditions now confronting the lobster industry.

Some of the Fishermens' Unions are planning to handle and pack their own catches, leaving the usual dealers and packers uncertain whether they will be justified in making any preparations for the coming season. Other canners fear that with lower prices prevailing, fewer fishermen will go lobstering and therefore do not commit themselves for purchasing supplies ahead as formerly. Buyers of live lobsters are not showing much eagerness, nor do the exporters of canned lobsters display the former anxiety to buy in advance of the opening of the season.

Nominally, the markets are unchanged in America and Great Britain, but prices have been further reduced in some European countries. No one is disposed to speculate in futures just now.

There remains, however, two months ere any extensive fishing will occur to test the markets and by that time conditions may change somewhat.

If less fishermen and fewer canneries operate during 1931, then the supply may prove smaller, and if the lower prices now prevailing assist the consumption, then the present surplus stocks may disappear and a revival in the demand will follow, but this cannot be gauged much in advance.

Suggestions are being made for a revision of the seasons so as to divide the catches more evenly over the year and in this way strengthen the Canadian live lobster trade by preventing such slumps as occurred last year.

One of these is that the Western Nova Scotia (Yarmouth) season shall begin in February instead of March and close 15 days earlier than at present, and cancel the December season now prevailing for Western Halifax; the Northumberland Straits and Magdalen Islands to have a slightly later but longer season than at present, but the seasons in the Bay of Fundy to be greatly reduced; the New Brunswick fall season to be lengthened 15 days, while Eastern Nova Scotia and Cape Breton shall be changed from two months spring fishing to three and one-half months during the winter.

Such a change will certainly not meet with universal approval. The scientists will hardly approve of longer seasons nor the further encroachments of fishing into the month of July, and very few, if any, of the Cape Breton fishermen would care to have a winter season for catching lobsters.—Maritime Merchant.

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SUES FOR SINKING OF MOTOR CRAFT

(Special to the Times.)

Boston, February 14.—Damages of \$3000 for the sinking of the "Little Fannie" and the loss of its cargo are sought by J. J. McLaughlin Machine Company, Inc., of Gloucester in a libel filed in the United States District Court against the fishing schooner *Louise B. Marshall*.

According to the Gloucester corporation on October 14 last, at 3.15 p. m., its motor craft with a cargo of 5000 gallons of fuel oil was sunk with its cargo by reason of the fishing schooner coming in collision with its motor vessel at Harbor Cove, Gloucester Harbor. The fishing schooner, while backing out of its berth at a wharf at Harbor Cove, Gloucester Harbor, and later proceeding ahead and swinging in a great arc to starboard and while swinging in arc the *Little Fannie* entered the cove and continued on her course near the wharves on the westerly side of the cove.

The libellant declares that the helmsman of the *Louise B. Marshall*, instead of straightening out his course to pass out of the harbor, continued the fishing schooner in her circular course, eventually overtaking the *Little Fannie* and striking her on her starboard side a little to 'midships.

The libellant through its counsel Attorney R. Chandler Davis of Gloucester, asks the court to decree that the *Louise B. Marshall* be condemned and sold and also that the court decree in its favor payment of its damages together with interest and costs for the bringing of the libel.

LARGE HOLDINGS OF HADDOCK FILLETS

The amount of haddock fillets in cold storage on January 15, 1931, amounted to 6,636,740 pounds as compared with 3,707,989 pounds on the corresponding date of 1930.

Frozen Mackerel.

Frozen mackerel are in moderate demand. The small fish are getting cleaned up. Large are in good supply and selling to wholesale dealers at 6 cents and tacks at 5 cents. According to the official figures the amount of mackerel in cold storage in the United States on January 15, 1931 amounted to 4,834,467 pounds as compared with 6,321,345 pounds on January 15, 1930. In Canada on January 1, 1931 there were 857,373 pounds of mackerel in storage as compared with 582,095 pounds on the same date in the previous year.

Salt Mackerel Imports.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston from June 1 to date have been 5005 barrels as compared with 2890 barrels in 1930; 3850 barrels in 1929 14,236 barrels in 1928; and 6089 barrels in 1927.